



Crop Progress and Condition

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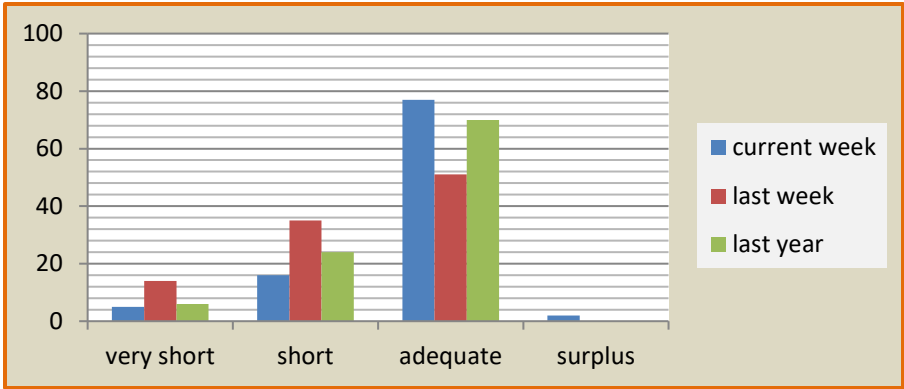
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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 3.8. Weather conditions cooled later in the week with scattered showers and storms during the week. Parts of the State continue to have drier conditions. Farming activities this week included harvesting fruit and making hay.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/30/20

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	5	16	77	2
Subsoil	5	16	79	-

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 08/30/20



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 08/30/20

Crop/Livestock	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	19	35	46	-
Corn	5	15	29	49	2
Hay	6	14	29	45	6
Soybeans	1	7	28	59	5
Pasture	4	6	13	73	4
Cattle & Calves	-	1	19	77	3
Sheep & Lambs	-	2	9	87	2

- Represents zero.

CROP PROGRESS for week ending 08/30/20

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Apples harvested	29	17	36	26
Peaches harvested	62	53	82	82
Corn silking	95	88	81	88
Corn dough	58	46	55	65
Corn dented	25	16	28	27
Hay second cutting	68	54	63	68
Soybeans blooming	76	65	92	85
Soybeans setting pods	48	36	54	57

- Represents data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending August 30, 2020

West Virginia had more precipitation this week. Early in the week, high pressure was in control, with showers and thunderstorms popping up from upper level instability. The high pressure gave way to a large tropical air mass associated with Tropical Storms Laura and Marco that moved into the State near the end of the workweek. During this time, temperatures were much warmer than usual and humidity levels were very high, making for uncomfortable tropical like conditions across the State. The warm tropical air was quickly pushed out of the area as a cold front approached late in the week, bringing temperatures back down closer to normal, with another round of showers and storms. At the end of the week, the majority of the State recorded above average temperatures. The only exception was Bluefield, which ended up just one degree below normal. Nearly all stations reported above average precipitation for the week. Although some stations were dryer than normal, the State received a large amount of precipitation. Nearly all stations received at least one inch of precipitation, and several stations received over two inches. Dry conditions persist in the Northern part of the State.

Temperatures: Martinsburg and Keyser had the highest recorded temperature of 95 degrees. Elkins had the lowest recorded temperature of 55 degrees. The state average temperature was 74 degrees.

Precipitation: Elkins had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 3.59 inches. Parkersburg had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.55 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 1.70 inches.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 08/30/20

Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Total	Week's Norm	Since April 1st 2020	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST-----									
WHEELING	91	58	74	4	2.27	0.88	14.72	17.16	19.62
PARKERSBURG	90	59	76	4	0.55	0.76	23.37	20.75	19.55
CRESTON	88	59	75		3.12		26.96	24.97	
--NORTHCENTRAL-----									
MORGANTOWN	88	59	75	4	0.90	0.76	16.30	20.61	20.44
CLARKSBURG	89	57	74	3	2.08	0.73	24.40	20.78	21.89
BELINGTON	86	57	74		2.15		26.17	17.92	
WESTON	87	59	75		2.67		31.65	22.45	
--SOUTHWEST-----									
WILLIAMSON	90	62	77		0.80		25.98	20.76	
HUNTINGTON	89	64	76	2	1.11	0.77	21.14	21.33	20.50
CHARLESTON	89	63	76	3	2.02	0.76	29.09	22.84	21.01
RIPLEY	92	60	77		1.29		24.30	22.60	
--CENTRAL-----									
TERRA ALTA	85	56	72		1.49		23.63	28.15	
ELKINS	84	55	72	4	3.59	0.79	31.56	26.19	22.53
MARLINTON	85	57	72		2.32		31.99	21.94	
--SOUTHERN-----									
BECKLEY	81	58	70	1	1.74	0.63	28.24	20.53	20.57
PINEVILLE	87	64	76		1.02		28.35	18.23	
BLUEFIELD	82	58	70	-1	0.79	0.68	29.59	17.14	19.25
WHITE SUL SP	87	60	72		1.49		26.62	18.83	
BLUESTONE DAM	85	60	72		1.77		28.15	18.10	
--NORTHEASTERN-----									
MARTINSBURG	95	60	78	7	0.58	0.68	14.68	18.69	18.11
KEYSER	95	59	78		2.38		19.55	20.48	
MOOREFIELD	92	59	77		1.18		18.24	23.68	
State Average Temperature	74								
State Average Precipitation	1.70								

Source:
Weather comments and data - Dept. of Commerce, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration National Weather Service, Charleston, WV.